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In Reply Refer To: 3HW12

Mr. Alan Clark  
Regional Manager  
G.A.F. Corporation  
Valley Forge Park Office One  
1016 West 9th Avenue  
Valley Forge, PA 19406

Re: Novak Sanitary Landfill  
South Whitehall Township, Lehigh County, PA

Dear Mr. Clark:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is seeking information concerning a release, or the threat of a release, of hazardous substances into the environment at the above referenced facility. Pursuant to the authority of Section 3007(a) of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA"), 42 U.S.C. Section 6927(a), and Section 104(e) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. Section 9604(e), your company is requested to furnish all information and documents in its possession, custody or control, or in the possession, custody or control of any of its officers, employees or agents which concern, refer, or relate to hazardous substances as defined by Section 101(14) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Section 9601(14). EPA is particularly interested in hazardous substances which were transported to, treated, stored, or disposed of at the Novak Sanitary Landfill, located along Orefield Road, South Whitehall Township, Lehigh County, PA. (See enclosed "Location Map"). EPA has information which indicates that the G.A.F. Corp. of Whitehall, PA, specifically, may have conducted business with the above referenced facility.

All information and documents requested are due to the address listed below within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of this letter.

The response should include, but not be limited to, information and and copies of documentation concerning:

1. The types and quantities of the substances sent to the Novak Sanitary Landfill;
2. The dates that such substances were sent to Novak Sanitary Landfill;

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| DATE    | 9/2/86 | 9/13     | 9/1   |       |  |  |        |

3. The state of the substances sent to the Novak Sanitary Landfill and the method by which the substances were contained or disposed of (i.e., liquid or solid in drums or uncontained, placed in lagoons, landfilled, placed in piles, etc.);

4. Any correspondence between you and any regulatory agency regarding such substances;

5. Any correspondence between you and any third parties regarding such substances;

6. Any documents relating to any other person who generated, treated, stored, transported or disposed, or who arranged for the treatment, storage, disposal, or transportation of such substances at the Novak Sanitary Landfill;

7. Any deeds, rights of way, leases, or other real interests which you have or have had in the Novak Sanitary Landfill, and;

8. The current custodian, location, description, and identity of any of the above referenced documents you were unable to obtain, and all efforts taken to obtain such documents;

In addition to the above information, if you are privately insured against releases of hazardous wastes or substances as a result of the handling of such materials, please inform us of the existence of such insurance and provide us with copies of all insurance policies.

As used herein, the term "documents" means writings (handwritten, typed or otherwise produced or reproduced) and includes, but is not limited to, any invoices, checks, receipts, bills of lading, weight receipts, toll receipts, correspondence, offers, contracts, agreements, deeds, leases, manifests, licenses, permits, bids, proposals, policies of insurance, logs, books of original entry, minutes of meetings, memoranda, notes, calendar or diary entries, agendas, bulletins, notices, announcements, charts, maps, photographs, drawings, manuals, brochures, reports of scientific study or investigation, schedules, price lists, telegrams, teletypes, phono-records, magnetic voice or video records, tapes, summaries, magnetic tapes, punch cards, recordings, discs, computer printouts, or data compilations from which information can be obtained or translated.

You are entitled to assert a claim of business confidentiality covering all or any part of the submitted information, in the manner described in 40 C.F.R. Section 2.203(b). Information subject to a claim of business confidentiality will be made available to the public only in accordance with the procedures set forth in 40 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart B. Unless a business confidentiality claim is asserted at the time the requested information is submitted, EPA may make this information available to the public without further notice to you.

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Failure or refusal to comply with this request within the specified period is a violation of Federal law which may result in further enforcement action, including but not limited to, civil penalties of up to \$25,000 per day of violation, and criminal fines of up to \$50,000 per day and/or imprisonment of up to two years, as stipulated in 42 U.S.C. §§ 6928(c), (d), and (g).

Please send the required information to:

Ms. Humane Zia  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III  
CERCLA Remedial Enforcement Section (3HW12)  
841 Chestnut Building, 6th Floor  
Philadelphia, PA 19107

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Humane Zia at (215) 597-8214.

This information collection request is not subject to Office of Management and Budget review under the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. §§ 3501 - 3520.

Sincerely,

Bruce P. Smith, Chief  
Hazardous Waste Enforcement Branch

Enclosure: Location Map

cc: Donald A. Lazarchik, P.E., Director  
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources  
Bureau of Solid Waste Management

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